



MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : Group Art Unit: 1774
MUELLER et al. : Examiner: GRAY, Jill M.
Serial No. 10/014,796 :
Filed: December 14, 2001 :
For: SUTURE MATERIAL FOR SURGERY, : Atty Docket: 24857
PROCESSES FOR ITS PRODUCTION AND :
THE USE THEREOF :
:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136

and

FEES PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.17

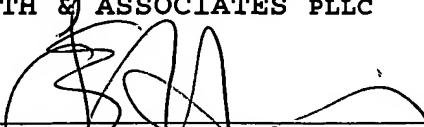
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Sir:

SMALL ENTITY

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.17, 1.136, applicant(s), a qualified SMALL ENTITY, hereby petition(s) for an extension of time as follows:

- One-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated _____ (\$60.00 fee)
- Two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated 10/07/2004 (\$225.00 fee)
- Three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated _____ (\$510.00 fee)
- Four-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated _____ (\$795.00 fee)
- Five-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated _____ (\$1,080.00 fee)
- A check including the above-indicated amount is enclosed. If extensions of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to allow consideration of papers accompanying this Petition, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fee deficiency under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 or 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

Respectfully submitted,
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